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Inventor: Tadahiro OHMI et al.

For:

WELDING METHOD FOR FLUORINE-PASSIVATED MEMBER FOR WELDING, FLUORINE-PASSIVATION ME

AFTER BEING WELD, AND WELDED PARTS

Enclosed are:

- [X] Thirteen (13) Sheets of Drawings.
- [X] An assignment of the invention to Tadahiro OHMI and KABUSHIKI KAISHA ULTRACLEAN TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE.
- [A certified copy of a ____ _ application.
- [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees indicated below are reduced by 1/2.
- [X] Other Executed Declaration, Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 and cited art.

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Fee Transmittal Letter

Specification (19 Sheets)

Claims (4 Sheets)

Abstract

Drawings (13 Sheets)

Preliminary Amendment (6 Sheets) with

Clean Specification Paragraph Sheet

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Replacement ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Executed Declaration

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Executed Assignment

Information Disclosure Statement

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Cited Art References

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